

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). There are unconfirmed reports that some Pakistani army personnel have sneaked into the Valley but none have so far been apprehended. The Government has already stepped viol on the border to check infiltration. The Government of Jammu and kashmir has intensified indentified vulnerable pockets and active gangs for gearing up anti-terrorist operation., organising Naka ambushes and effective deployment of para-Military forces in the affected/sensitive pockets. day and night patrolling in vulnerable areas, raids on hideouts of terrorists and extortionists have been intensified. Intelligence, has also been strengthened.

Cut in Emoluments of Political Appointment

464. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: KUMARI DIPAKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Conference of the Chief Ministers held during October, 1991 recommended for 10 per cent cut in employments of all political appointments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the yearly saving as a result thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). In the meeting of the Chief Ministers held in New Delhi on 4-5th October, 1991, while discussing on Agenda item concerning counting expenditure of the

Government, the Prime Minister made an appeal to the Chief Ministers that there should be a voluntary cut of atleast 10% in the salaries of all holders of political offices in the country. This appeal of the Prime Minister was approved by the conference, this has been brought to the notice of the Chief Ministers of all states and Union Territory of Pondicherry, Governors of States under president's rule and Lt. Governors/Administrators of other Union Territories and also all Union Ministers for taking necessary action.

No information has been received regarding implementation of this appeal for voluntary cut and no calculation of savings is available.

Branch Post Offices in Orissa

465. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS/be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 359 on July 18, 1991, and state:

(a) the name of the places and districts in Orissa where 88 Branch Post Offices and 7 Departmental Sub post Offices were opened during the year 1990-91; and

(b) whether any decision has been taken for the year 1991-92 for 100 Branch Post Offices and 10 Departmental Sub Post Offices where to open, if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is given in Statement 'A'

(b) Yes, Sir. A target for opening of 100 extra departmental branch post offices and 10 departmental sub-post offices for the year 1991-92 has been fixed. The details regarding branch post offices are given in the statement 'B' proposals regarding departmental sub-post offices are at formulation stage